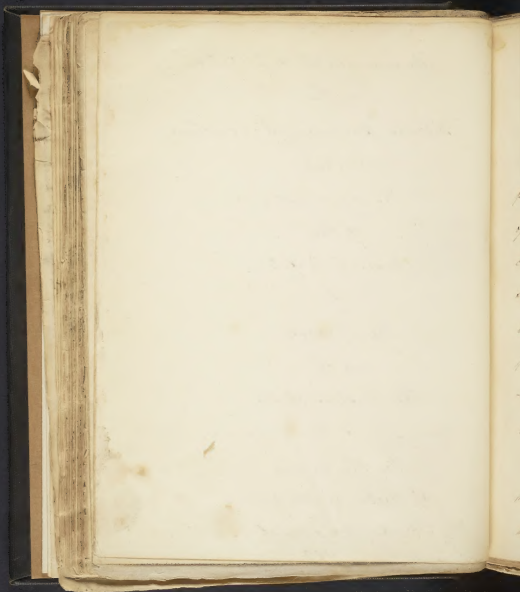


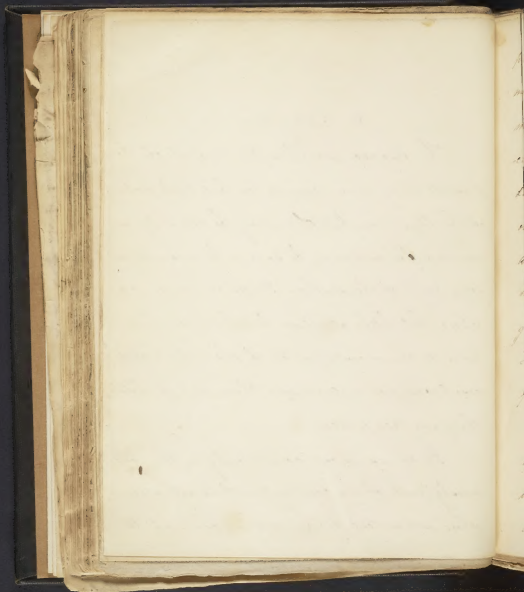
An Inaugural Dissertation,
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submitted
to the examination
of the
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An Essay &c.

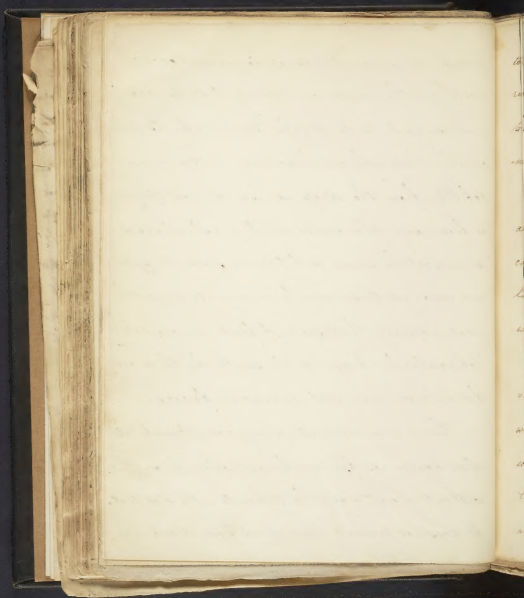
The disease, which is the subject of the present essay, has been taken but little notice of by Physicians, but this may be readily accounted for, as it may be said to be endemic in some parts of the Southern States of America; where but little attention has hitherto been paid to the investigation of the nature of disease, & was not noticed even there perhaps before the year 1804 or 1805.

It occurs most commonly in the low marshy parts of the country, & in those situations where intermittent fevers are most apt to



prevail. It is sometimes epidemic and occurs
mostly in the winter and spring. Adults are
most subject to its attacks. But it affects prin-
cipally those who are labouring under indirect
debility, from the excessive use of ardent spirits,
or from any other cause, which is calculated
to induce the same debilitated state of the system
and amongst these may be enumerated with
great propriety, that state of fever denominated
Tubercula; but known to the south by the more
familiar name of intermittent fever.

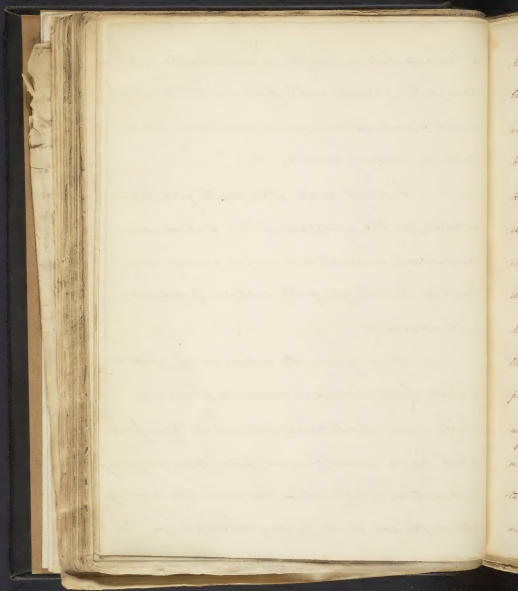
This is a most distressing complaint it
often continues for weeks and even months
without great care be taken to put a stop to it.
It does not prevent the patient from attending,



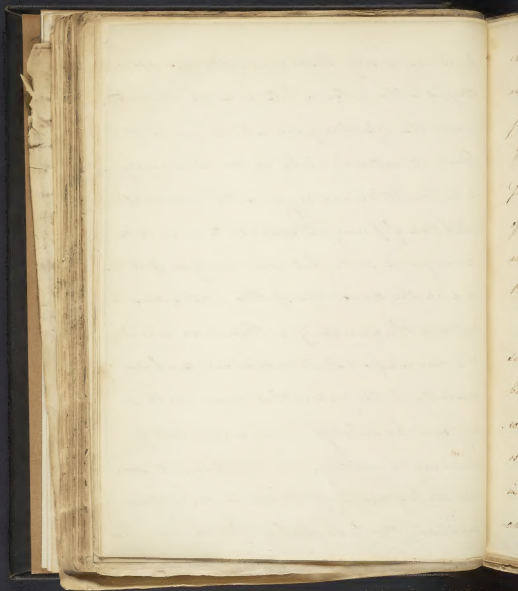
to business but at length it impairs the appetite renders the patient restless at night, the body becomes emaciated, and it sometimes terminates in Dropsy and death.

I shall next attempt to give an account of the symptoms of this disease in as concise and accurate a manner as my very limited knowledge of the nature of disease will admit of.

It is generally ushered in with a violent chilly fit as in common pleurisy which is in a short time succeeded by a fever, which has a sensible remission every morning, respiration is difficult - The pain, which always attends, tho' not acute, is very distressing. - The



cheeks are mostly flushed and the eyes appear
turgid. - The pulse is full, soft and frequent
and by the loss of only six or eight ounces of
blood it instantly sinks so low as scarcely
to be perceptible and requires the immediate
administration of powerful stimulants to raise it to
its normal state, but can rarely be effused,
and on the knowledge of this fact seems to
depend the success of a Physician in treating
this disease, (as I shall endeavour to show
presently, in two cases that came within
my own knowledge while a student of
medicine) & vomiting and diarrhoea, with some-
times a discharge of bilious matter, at times
accompany the first attack of this disease. - The





The first of these is the
fact that the population of
the country is increasing
at a rapid rate. This is
due to a number of causes,
the most important of which
are the following:

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in California, which has
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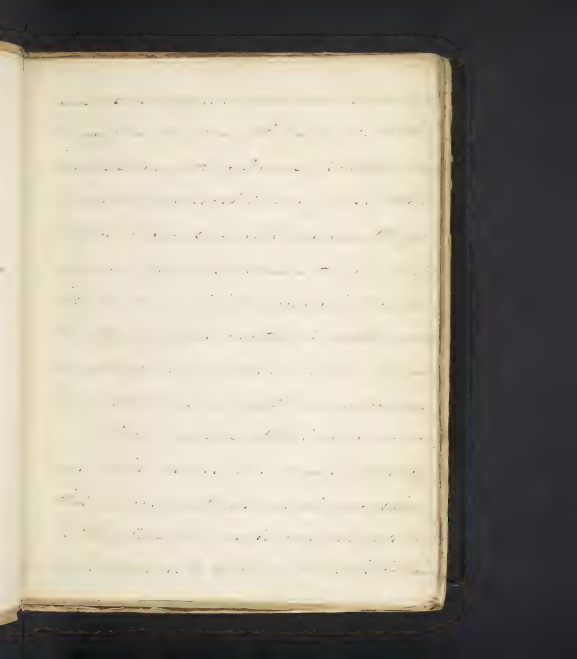


the first of the year. The
weather was very warm and
the sun was shining brightly.
The wind was blowing from the
south and the sea was very
calm. The water was very
clear and the sky was very
blue. The birds were singing
and the flowers were in bloom.
The children were playing
in the park and the old people
were sitting on the benches.

Chapter II

The second of the year was
very different. The weather
was very cold and the sun
was not shining. The wind
was blowing from the north
and the sea was very rough.
The water was very dark and
the sky was very grey. The
birds were not singing and
the flowers were not in bloom.
The children were not playing
in the park and the old people
were not sitting on the benches.











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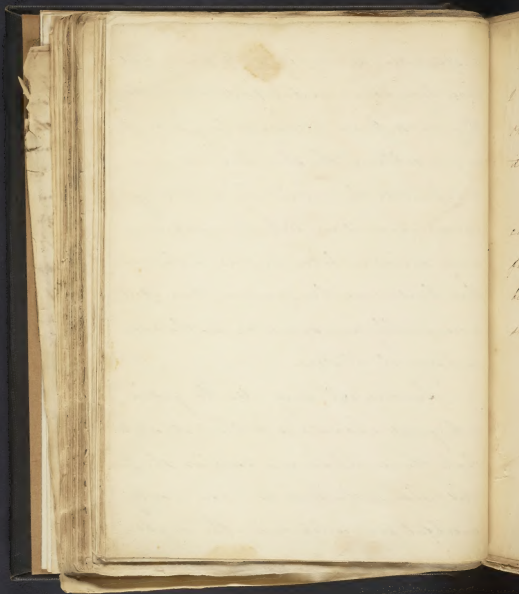


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The first of the season
was on the 1st of March
when a heavy snow storm
fell upon the city
and the people were
greatly inconvenienced
by the cold and the
snow. The snow
was very deep and
the people were
unable to go out
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Blisters applied directly to the pained part, have been found useful, particularly when they are suffered to remain long enough only to inflame the skin, and not so as to debilitate the patient, by producing copious evacuations. Perhaps sinapisms would answer a better purpose in this case than blisters, as they produce their effect more quickly, and do not cause the same discharge of blisters.

Laudanum may also be given with great advantage to the patient. It checks the diarrhoea, and composes the patient, when without it he is continually watchful and restless during the night.



The *Collyria Senega.* as a radical medicine
I have no doubt, might do good in this disease
So I have not had an opportunity of seeing
it used. —

With these observations I must
conclude this very imperfect essay, and I
flatter myself that my indisposition will
be deemed a sufficient apology for the
shortness and incorrectness of it. —

